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BRITAINS WAR DEBTS

Rugby, Yesterday.

IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION ON THE FUNDING OF ITALIAN AND FRENCH WAR DEBTS TO GREAT BRITAIN, THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EX-CHEQUER STATED THAT THE AMOUNTS OF ITALIAN AND FRENCH WAR DEBTS AT THE DATE OF FUNDING WERE £560,000,000 and £800,000,000 respectively.

THE SUM ADVANCED TO FRANCE AND ITALY WERE, OF COURSE, BORROWED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND CONSTITUTE PART OF BRITISH WAR DEBTS. THE AVERAGE COST OF BORROWING, DURING THE WAR, WAS OVER 5 PER CENT. AND ON THIS BASIS, THE FUNDING AGREEMENTS REPRESENT A REMISSION OF 63 PER CENT. OF THE FRENCH WAR DEBT AND OF 86 PER CENT. OF THE ITALIAN WAR DEBT. THE BRITISH TAXPAYERS HAD BEEN LEFT TO BEAR THE EQUIVALENT PROPORTION OF THE CHANGE INVOLVED BY THESE BORROWINGS.—British Wireless Service.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

A Decidedly Stronger Feeling.

BUYERS IN EVIDENCE.

The session opened this morning with a decidedly stronger feeling, there being buyers for a number of stocks in the list.

Sales.

Underwriters, \$5.10. Cements (combined), \$19.20. Electrics, \$78. Dairy Farms, \$28.4. Buyers. Unions, \$425. Steamboats, \$24. Providents (old), \$5.30. H. K. Lands, \$80%. Humphreys (old), \$18. Chinese Estates, \$95. Trams, \$21.10. Star Ferries, \$95.

H.K. Electrics, \$77 1/2. Canton Ices, \$6 1/2. H.K. Ropes, \$16 1/2. Watsons, \$16. H.K. Amusements, \$19 1/2. Constructions (old), \$6 1/2. Underwriters, \$5.10. Shanghai Explorations, Tls. 2.40. Hotels (old), \$16.10. Hotels (new), \$14.60. H.K. Realities, \$11.90. Ewos, Tls. 16. Peak Trams (old), \$14.60. China Lights, \$27 1/4. Telephones (part paid), \$26.60. Cements (combined), \$19.15. Dairy Farms, \$28 1/2. Sinceres, \$16. Entertainments, \$16. H.K. Government Loan, \$2 per cent. premium. Sellers. Underwriters, \$5.15. Providents (old), \$5.40. Star Ferries, \$36. S.C. Enterprises, \$10. Raubs, \$43. Venezuelan Goldfields, \$2. H.K. Electrics, \$78 1/4.

WOMAN'S INGENIOUS RUSE

ANNUAL NAVAL REVIEW.

Admiral Kelly Takes The Salute.

GOOD TURN OUT.

In brilliant sunshine, more than 800 men took part in the Naval Review at Happy Valley this morning. The Commander-in-Chief, H.E. Admiral Sir Howard Kelly, took the Salute.

Many Officers and ladies gathered to watch the Review. Three companies of Seamen, and a company of Marines, representative of all the ships in port, were on parade, and after the Inspection by the Commander-in-Chief, the March Past took place. A Massed Band took part in the proceedings.

The Marine Company was under Major V. C. Brown, and Captain Reynell (H.M.S. Berwick) had charge of the whole display.

Admiral Kelly was attended by the Commanding Officers of ships represented at the Review.

ESTATES LEFT.

PIG DEALER'S \$34,500.

Wong Siu-chuen, alias Wong Siu-fan, alias Wong Ting, alias Wong Ting-fan, alias Wong Kwok-cheung, alias Wong Sze-pong, alias Wong Kai-keo, alias Chuk Man-teng, alias Oi Yu, pig dealer, left estate in the Colony valued at \$34,500. He died at the age of 40, on December 15, 1930, at 83, Connaught Road West, top floor, leaving a widow, a concubine (Wong Yeung Shih), three sons and three daughters. The old

son is living in Pakhoi, and the other children are minors. Probate of his will has been granted by the Supreme Court to the two executrices named in the will—Wong Cheung Shi, alias Cheung King-man, the testator's lawful widow and relit, and Wong Lai-wa, the testator's widowed sister, both of 12, Chung Ching Street. The will makes family bequests.

Woman's \$27,400. Family bequests are made in the will of Ngan Chung-yiu, alias Ngan Yiu, alias Ngan Yew-yuk, married woman, late of 20, Caine Road, Hong Kong. She died at the Yu Yeung Hospital, Canton, on June 12, 1931, aged 44 years, leaving estate in the Colony valued at \$27,400. Probate of the will has been granted to Lau Tao-chak and Lau Tao-cheuk, both of 20, Caine Road, the testator's lawful and natural sons, who are the executors named in the will.

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The debate continues.—British Wireless Service.

INDIA POLICY

GOVERNMENT FULLY SUPPORTED.

SIR JOHN SIMON

MAKES FORCEFUL SPEECH.

London, Yesterday. The House of Commons to-day overwhelmingly approved of Government's Indian policy, after rejecting by 369 votes to 43 the amendment moved by Mr. Winston Churchill stipulating that Government's policy should not commit the House to the establishment in India of a Dominion Constitution as defined in the Statute of Westminster, and effectively safeguard British trade in India from adverse and prejudicial discrimination, and not impair the ultimate responsibility of Parliament for peace, order, and good government in India.—Reuter.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Debate on the motion approving Government's Indian policy was continued in the House of Commons to night, when Mr. Winston Churchill moved a qualifying amendment, in spite of the explanations offered last night by the Prime Minister and Sir Samuel Hoare, and the appeal made by Lord Winterton for its withdrawal.

Mr. Churchill's Rugged Affirmations.

Mr. Churchill, while accepting Sir Samuel Hoare's statement that they had to reconcile the obligations of a long British partnership with India with the legitimate aspirations of Indians to take a greater part in their own Government, renewed his criticisms of the Viceroy's declaration of October 1929 as being demure (?) from constitutional procedure and as prejudicing the work of the Simon Commission, and said he was bound to make "rugged affirmations" of his objections.

Sir John Simon Replies.

He was answered immediately by Sir John Simon, who said Mr. Churchill appeared to be under a misapprehension. The Premier's statement at the close of the Round Table Conference was not a document prepared by one individual but by the united and deliberate decision of the whole Cabinet. Mr. Churchill's speech, Sir John said, increased the desirability that the House should confirm Government's policy. The cleavage was between those who really meant to promote the achievement of responsible government in India and those who did not.

He would be the last to deny the difficulties confronting them but he hoped these obstacles were not in question.

What mattered was what was underlying the spirit and purpose of Parliament. Many Indians sincerely doubted the intention of British statesmen. He asked the House, by its unanimous support of the declaration made on behalf of the whole Cabinet, to make it plain that the achievement of responsible government in India was the definite purpose of British policy.

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FALL OF STERLING

CAUSES EXPLAINED TO COMMONERS.

NO ALARM

STATEMENT BY CHANCELLOR.

London, Yesterday. Factors abroad were described by Mr. Neville Chamberlain, at question time in the House of Commons to-day, as primarily responsible for the weakness of sterling in recent weeks. The Chancellor explained that these factors were not under our control, but coincided with heavy seasonal and other payments for imports. He declined, however, to view with apprehension recent sterling movements.—Reuter.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The confident tone of the Press and other comment on the fall in the exchange value of the £ this week found echo to-day at question time in the House of Commons, when the Chancellor of the Exchequer made the above statement.—British Wireless Service.

GALE IN THE CHANNEL.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The steamer Versailles, engaged on the cross-Channel service, encountered heavy seas this morning when about 12 miles out from Newhaven Harbour. The wind rose to gale force and in the buffeting she received her rudder was damaged.

The Versailles has had to anchor off Seaford Head until the wind moderates.

A tug which was sent to assist her, had to fight through a 50 miles an hour gale, and encountered very heavy seas. One huge wave broke over her deck severely injuring one of her crew.—British Wireless Service.

PARLIAMENT'S XMAS RECESS.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Prime Minister announced in the House of Commons to-day that he hoped it would be possible to take the motion for adjournment for the Christmas Recess on Friday, December 11.—British Wireless Service.

A woman's ingenious ruse to convey illicit wine from one place to another was disclosed in the Police Court this morning. The jar of wine were carried on her back and arranged so as to resemble a baby.

During the latter stages of the debate on Government's Indian policy, Major Atlee said he believed the solution of questions between Europe and Asia would largely depend on what was done by Britain in its dealings with India.

The Opposition welcomed the reaffirmation of the principle laid down at the beginning of the year; admitted that the method of negotiation adopted by the Round Table Conference was the only means of reaching a solution, but regretted that more time was not given to the conference, and that discussion of certain essential matters was confined to only a few days.

The Secretary of State for India, Sir Samuel Hoare, defined Government's objective as, firstly an All-India Federal Executive; secondly, autonomous provinces; and thirdly, safeguards, without which India's safety and credit could not be maintained.

PEACE GARDEN

Toronto, Yesterday.

"TO GOD IN HIS GLORY WE TWO NATIONS DEECEATE THIS GARDEN, AND PLEDGE OURSELVES, AS LONG AS MEN SHALL LIVE, WE WILL NOT TAKE UP ARMS AGAINST EACH OTHER."

THIS IS THE INSCRIPTION TO BE PLACED ON THE SINGLE BOUNDARY STONE AT "PEACE GARDEN" ON THE U.S.-CANADA FRONTIER, WHICH WILL BE DEDICATED ON JULY 14, 1932, IN COMMEMORATION OF OVER A CENTURY OF UNBROKEN FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

THE GARDEN OCCUPIES 3,000 ACRES IN TURTLE MOUNTAIN FOREST, MANITOBA, NORTH DAKOTA.—REUTER.

Word has been received here (said the Winnipeg correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor on October 19) that the tract of land on Turtle Mountain, at the Manitoba-North Dakota border, has been approved for the proposed international peace garden site by the National Association of Gardeners, in convention at Asbury Park, N.J. The final decision on this matter will be made next Spring at a joint meeting of the International Peace Garden Commission and the executive committees of the Canadian Association of Florists and Gardeners.

A total of 1,600 acres has been donated by the Governments of Manitoba and North Dakota for the garden, which it is proposed to plant with flowering plants, trees and shrubbery representative of both the United States and Canada. Manitoba has promised to build the best of roads into the garden. It is proposed to raise a fund of \$5,000,000 to establish the park and maintain it in perpetuity.

BURMA ROUND TABLE.

Rugby, Yesterday. At the meeting of the Burma Round Table Conference to-day general discussion was concluded. On Monday the Conference will resolve itself into committee and commence consideration of details of the proposed new Constitution.—British Wireless Service.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN TO VISIT EAST

London, Yesterday. The Morning Post says it is understood Charlie Chaplin's latest plan is to visit the East, including India. He will make a tour of China and Japan.—Reuter.

FAMOUS FRENCH MUSICIAN DEAD.

Paris, Yesterday. The death occurred here to-day of Vincent D'Indy, a well-known musician.—Reuter.

Paul Marie Theodore Vincent D'Indy was born on March 2, 1851. At an early age he revealed himself as a musician genius, and earned for himself a Continental and International reputation. He has to his credit numerous classical music compositions, and has had conferred upon him, from time to time, many honours and decorations.

MAGISTRATE REVOKES SENTENCE

Seeking permission to come back to the Colony, owing to the death of his father, a banishee walked into the offices of Inspector K. W. Andrew, at Police Headquarters yesterday morning. He was recognised as a man who had served a jail term a month ago along with another man (who has since died) for armed robbery at Queen Victoria Street. His name was promptly put on the charge sheet.

Defendant appeared before Mr. Williams this morning, and the circumstances of the case explained. Insp. Andrew stated the Police had reason to believe the man had been in Hong Kong several days ago.

Inspector E. A. Vincent, in charge of the Finger Prints and Criminal Records Department, suggested that defendant might have been hard pressed, and so gave himself up to the Police. Defendant's story, he added, took some believing.

As defendant was the ninth banishee to return in four days, he suggested there surely must be some attraction in the Colony.

The Magistrate first passed sentence of two months' hard labour, but later revoked that sentence as defendant had given himself up of his own accord, and ordered him to pay a nominal fine of \$10 or in default undergo fourteen days' jail.

CANADIAN PREMIER.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Canadian Premier, Mr. R. E. Bennett, was among the guests at a luncheon table given by the Prime Minister and Miss Isabel MacDonald at Downing Street to-day.—British Wireless Service.

AN "ALL-AMERICAN" SHIPPING FLEET.

Vast Plan for Capturing Trans-Atlantic Trade.

12-COMPANY COMBINE.

New York, October 9. The biggest shipping merger in United States history is being organised at a conference in San Francisco, according to the Herald Tribune, which states that the plans would unite 12 companies, including the Roosevelt, the International Mercantile Marine, the Dollar, the Dawson and the Chapman interests.

The proposed combine would own and control 181 vessels of nearly 1½ million tonnage.

It is stated that Mr. P. A. Franklin, president of the Roosevelt International Mercantile Marine concern, is now in Britain to test the possibility of selling the company's ships sailing under foreign flags, so that the new combine can devote its attention to developing a huge fleet which would be purely American.

The "President" boats. The Dollar Steamship Lines own a huge fleet of big liners, including the "President" boats. The International Mercantile Marine include three lines, Atlantic Transport, Limited, the Red Star, and the Leyland Lines, which are under the British flag, in addition to lines run under the flag of the United States.

The Federal Shipping Board decided a month ago to begin negotiations for a contract with the Dawson, Chapman, and Dollar shipping interests, with a view to the sale of the United States line of steamers. —Central News.



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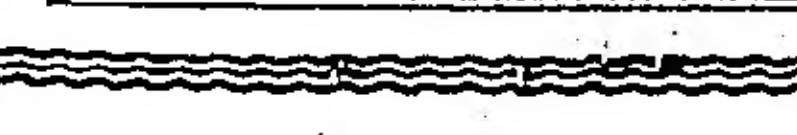
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TALKIE TALKS

by Diane

To-night the King's Theatre will be honoured with the presence of the greatest living violinist—Jascha Heifetz. The plan is about filled already and he is sure of a great welcome on this, his second visit. Whether you are a lover of the violin or not, go to hear this virtuoso, for you are never likely to hear anyone greater. Just between ourselves, I think a few of us will also go with the hope of catching a glimpse of the beautiful wife, once the dearly loved screen star (memories of "The Grand Duchess" and the "Waif," and "The Patriot")—Florence Vidor, (King's).

Comparisons are odious, so do not go to see "The Smiling Lieutenant" with only the thoughts of Maurice Chevalier in "The Love Parade." I kept the memories of that super picture locked away, so nothing spoilt my genuine enjoyment.

I think Director Lubitsch has gone a little further in his development of a story, and from the marvellous lesson taught by Charles Chaplin in "City Lights," learnt the value of music technique; there were little bits that were priceless. "The Smiling Lieutenant" is a neatly arranged version of the Oscar Strauss operetta, "The Waltz Dream." Just the romance of a merry philandering officer in the Imperial Austrian Palace Guards. Happy in the love of a pretty Beer garden violinist, when fate pushes him into a decreed marriage with the princess of a small neighbouring kingdom. Niki can't forget his fascinating Franz until—Well, you will see a Vienna I remember with its lovely background of music and laughter, a pre-war Wien. I think one of the biggest attractions held for me by Lubitsch is his subtle humour, the sly knocks at people and nations; he seems to be laughing all the time. Take the King of the hokum kingdom, broad American accent and all. I like George Barbier. Lubitsch even descends to "Yellow Pressism," (good word that). I have heard that the play is naughty, and spicy; so many adjectives lurk at it. I admit it has its touches of vulgarity—the idea of the Beer garden violinist teaching the Princess Jazz, and the value of pretty underclothes. I was not shocked, only vastly amused. Watch the humour with the checker-board, and tell me if you could object. The play is elaborately produced. The lyrics are from the pen of an old friend, Cliford Grey, who has written all Chevalier's songs for many years now. Take note of the song at the breakfast table, and the pretty words of the famous waltz, the waltz you will leave the theatre humming. "Listen it calls you, now, it is May. Take what it brings to you, Love for to-day." I thought I would crave for the lovely voice of Jeanette MacDonald. Strange to say, I enjoyed the singing and talking of the two delightful women. I will not hand the palm to either of them, for they are both equally good. Claudette Colbert is delightful as Franz. Just a small chance for drama, when she left that key on the doorstep, and watch her beau geste as she "plays the game" by leaving the wife to her husband. Miriam Hopkins, only seen here once previously in "Fast and Loose," as the prim Princess Anna, gives a marvellous performance. She does not sing, study camera angles nor her mirror; just "plum natural." I have to go back to the early Charles Ruggles has too small a days to remember anything about

not forget the catchy songs by Irving Berlin, and the splendid support he receives from Lois Moran, Louis Dresser and Lowell Sherman. (Queen's).

The Queen's are offering two features next week. "The Second Floor Mystery" with two young people who had run away and secretly married just before this story was made. Loretta Young and Grant Withers are since divorced. When this was taken they were in love and they make the story refreshingly real. With this, will be shown "The Runaway Bride." Mary Astor is so young and lovely that you forget it is pure melodrama. A rich society girl elopes with a rich society boy, who turns out to be just a cad. There are murders, thieves and a string

greatest bid for popularity was an extraordinary likeness to the Prince of Wales, was sent for. He went to the flat of Miss Chatterton, and five days later they eloped. Their marriage broke the heart of the older man and he died. The young couple went to Hollywood. The great star did nothing, but shone in the reflected glory of her famous movie-hero husband. They parted, but never ceased to love each other. Ruth returned to Broadway.

Along came a revolution, the talkies, when people who could speak were in demand. The actress returned to Hollywood, and has swept on from one triumph to another. The lover husband, he now plays second fiddle, and they do say his head has been turned by the great success of his wife. I can safely say that their married life anyhow is an ideally happy one.

To the Central comes what I think is one of Miss Chatterton's greatest parts—that of the dual role in "The Right to Love." She does a very difficult part perfectly, and the double photography is well managed. Paul Lukas is good, and also David Manners, but it is the work of Miss Chatterton which is the

best.

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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

SPORTS NEWS IN COVENTRY OUT OF BRIEF.

TENNIS STARS AT H.K.C.C.

Brisbane, Yesterday. Australia to-day won the First Test Match against South Africa by the large margin of an innings and 163 runs.

Full results as cabled by Reuter were as follow:—
Australia: 450 (D. G. Bradman 226, W. M. Woodfull 76).
S. Africa: 170 (B. Mitchell 58, Ironmonger 5 for 42).
117 (Wall 5 for 14, Ironmonger 4 for 44).

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The following is the draw for the Taggart Cup in the Ladies' Section of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club:—

Bye: Mrs. Piercy v. Mrs. Blaker; Mrs. Roffey v. Miss Munro; Miss Sutton v. Mrs. Langston; Mrs. Bayers v. Mrs. Rodgers;

Mrs. Sheldon v. Mrs. Cassidy; Mrs. Pearce v. Mrs. Newbigging; Miss Stevenson v. Miss Mackie; Mrs. Sherry v. Miss Coppin; Mrs. Brown v. Mrs. Morse; Mrs. Gordon v. Mrs. Dodwell; Miss Robinson v. Mrs. Stewart; Mrs. Lindsell v. Mrs. Fletcher.

The first round is to be played by December 17; the second by January 7; the third by January 21; the fourth by February 4 and the final on February 11.

From Friday, December 18 till January 5 there will be a Medal Competition on the New Course, Fanling, for the best aggregate score on three cards. Not more than five cards per player. A Prize will be presented by the Section.

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In the Captain's Cup Competition in the Ladies' Section of the R.H.K.G.C. Mrs. Rodgers qualified with a score of 108-30-72. The November Medal Pool at Fanling was won by Mrs. Valentine 103-36-67. Mrs. Roffey's Prize, played for at Fanling on December 1, was won by Mrs. Tottenham (93-24-69).

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The Hong Kong Cricket Club courts yesterday were the scene of some really first-class tennis when Hyotaro Sato, Kawachi and Fujikawa, the three Japanese players who are on their way to India, indulged in a knock up.

Sato showed a definite superiority and his agility at the net is deserving of the highest praise. Kawachi was excellent in his ground strokes and perhaps a little steadier than his compatriot, but he did not display the same polish which features Sato's game. Fujikawa, the youngest of the trio and Japan's leading youngster, is only 17 years of age. A year or two in either England or America would bring out the finer qualities of his game in a very short space of time and he has undoubtedly a splendid career in front of him providing he can get the experience.

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The first Caer Clark Cup match of the ladies' hockey season will be played at Soo-kun-poo to-morrow at 3.30 p.m. between St. Andrew's and Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club. The following team will represent Hong Kong:—

M. Bird; E. M. Gray J. Smalley; E. O'Hagan; B. M. Pope; M. L. Wallace; A. McElroy; M. A. Jones; E. Bonnar; C. Ferguson; and A. C. Orme.

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The Club de Recreio Ladies' are playing the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club 2nd XI on the Navy ground at Happy Valley to-morrow at 3 p.m. The following team will represent Hong Kong:—

N. Ferguson; B. Franklin; A. Nicol; N. Cooper; E. Ross; M. Hudson; E. S. Laing; J. Whyte; P. M. Harrop; E. Blackburn; and R. King.

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The following have been selected to represent the Indian Recreation Club in a friendly match against the Kowloon Cricket Club to-morrow:—

A. A. Rumjahn (captain), F. D. Persson, A. H. Madar, A. H. Rumjahn, A. R. Minu, A. K. Minu, S. R. Kermani, J. S. A. Currie,

COVENTRY OUT OF THE CUP.

ORIENT SCORE TWICE AT HOME.

DONCASTER & BARROW DRAW.

London, Yesterday. Two further replays in the First Round of the English Cup were staged yesterday with the following results:—

Doncaster 1 Barrow 1 (after extra time.)

Orient 2 Coventry 0

—Reuter.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB XI.

AGAINST NAVY.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club against the Royal Navy at King's Park to-morrow at 2 p.m.:—

H. Owen Hughes (captain), A. Reid, A. C. Beck, E. R. Duckitt, A. J. Wolf, Capt. Mirohouse, R. R. Davies, G. E. R. Divett, L. D. Kilbee, C. A. Wright, and A. C. I. Bowker.

OUR SPORTS DIARY.

LOCAL.

CRICKET—To-morrow—Lengue I.—Navy v. Hong Kong C.C.; Civil Service C.C. v. Royal Artillery; K.C.C. v. I.R.C. (F.); League U.—Police v. R.A.S.C.; I.R.C. v. K.C.C. (F.).

HOCKEY—To-day—Hong Kong Hockey Club "A" v. H.M.S. Tamar at King's Park at 5 p.m.

To-morrow—Caer Clark Cup—H.K.L.H.C. v. St. Andrew's at Soo-kun-poo at 3.30 p.m.; H.K.L.H.C. II. v. Recreio at Happy Valley.

GOLF—To-morrow—Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Captain's Cup.

Sunday—Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Championship First and Second Rounds and Captain's Cup.

BOXING—To-day—Royal Navy Championships at the Theatre Royal at 9 p.m.

FOOTBALL—To-morrow—First Division—Police v. Borderers; Recreio v. Navy; Kowloon v. Argylls; Club v. St. Joseph's; Second Division—University v. 12th Batty; Kowloon v. Navy; Argylls v. Club; Borderers v. R.A.O.C.; Third Division—R.A.F. v. R.E.; Radio v. St. Joseph's.

LAWN BOWLS—To-morrow—Kowloon Dock Recreation Club Closing Day at 3 p.m.

H.K. CRICKET CLUB
SECOND ELEVEN.

AGAINST RECREIO.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club 2nd XI against the Club de Recreio on the H.K.C.C. ground at 2 p.m. to-morrow:—

R. H. Dowler (captain), R. K. Hepburn, E. R. West, P. W. J. Planner, C. E. Gahagan, F. A. M. Elliott, L. A. Whipple, J. R. Ratten, R. S. W. Paterson, J. M. Sunley and A. C. Brano Hartnell.

S. A. Ismail, O. Ismail, and A. R. Abbas.

Reserves—A. T. Barma and J. M. A. Rumjahn.

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In their League Football match

against the South Wales Borderers

on the St. Joseph's ground to-

morrow, the Police will be repre-

sented by the following:—

Fraser; Perkins; Brittain;

Thorpe; Channing; Downman; Corn-

wall; Hudson; Moss; Shepherd,

and G. Pilk.

Reserves—Jessop and Williams.

BIG

BILL

TILDEN

COMING TO HONG KONG

POLICE WIN AT BASKETBALL.

YING WAH COLLEGE LOSE.

At a game of basketball played on the Central Police Station compound ground yesterday evening, the Hong Kong Police Indians defeated the Ying Wah College team by 22 points to 13. The game was witnessed by a large crowd.

THE MAMAK HOCKEY TOURNEY.

RULES AND OFFICIALS.

The following points of interest concerning the Mamak Hockey Shield Competition have been sent to us by the Chairman:—

Officials.

President—Eric W. Hamilton Esq.

Chairman—Mr. D. England White.

Secretary—Mr. C. C. Francis.

Committee members—Mr. F. A. Kemp, Mr. J. A. de Soares, Mr. E. V. Marshal, Mr. N. A. E. Mackay, Mr. F. Allen, and Mr. H. R. Hirat.

The Select Committee will consist of the Chairman, the Secretary and one nominated member of the committee.

RULES.

PERIOD OF TOURNAMENT.

It was decided that all matches should be played off by March 12, 1932. The presentation of the Shield would be made on Saturday, March 26, 1932, at Soo-kun-poo, when a match, Champions v. The Rest, should be staged.

The following rules were formulated by the committee:—

1. The Competition to be named The Mamak Hockey Competition.

2. The competition to be conducted according to the League system, i.e., each team would have to play every other team in the tournament twice.

3. Two points will be awarded for a win and one point for a draw.

4. Should the two leading teams finish with a similar number of points a replay will be enforced.

5. Duration of Play.—Minimum of 20 minutes each way. Maximum of 30 minutes each way. Postponement or cancellation of games to be left to the discretion of the referee.

6. Hockey Gear.—Each team to provide their own Hockey Gear including balls (standardized size 5½ ozs.) except in the match Champions v. The Rest when the committee will be responsible.

7. A list of players forming a team to be sent in to the Secretary. Players can only play for the one team represented. A breach of this rule would mean disqualification of the team for which he plays.

8. Should a reserve be selected to play in a match, in the absence of the member of the team he cannot be replaced during that match.

9. Time of grace for failure to attend at schedule time will be ten minutes from stipulated time of starting.

10. Written protests to be sent in to the Secretary within 48 hours of termination of the game.

11. The committee have full powers of disqualification.

12. Any team dropping out during the season forfeits all points won during previous matches, and all points scored against.

13. In the event of team colours coinciding the home team will play in colours.

14. Referees.—The following referees were nominated by the committee:—Messrs. Ormerod, Townsend, Karnall, Singh, Johnson, Guest, Gilchrist, Allen, J. S. Grewal, Surjin Singh, and Sgt. Weyman.

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A Court Martial, in connection with the stranding and subsequent loss of the Admiral's yacht, H.M.S. Petersfield on the north side of Tung Yung Island in the early hours of November 12 last, was opened on board H.M.S. Medway on November 26, when the Navigating Officer, Lieutenant Pratt was on trial. Great tribute was paid to the officers and personnel of the ill-fated ship, by Admiral Sir Howard Kelly. Later, on H.M.S. Tamar, Commander D. C. Lanz, was also put on trial. A detailed report of the interesting proceedings is chronicled in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

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A feast of colour marked the Jubilee Ball of the Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society which was held in the Peninsula Hotel on November 27. Over one thousand people attended, and took a keen part in the consuming of the haggis and the barley brie. Official guests included H.E. Sir William Peel and Lady Peel, Admiral Sir Howard and Lady Kelly, Sir Shou-son Chow and H.E. the General Officer Commanding (Major-General Sandilands). A full account of the brilliant function is recorded in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

Numerous thrills were witnessed at the Twelfth Extra Race Meeting held at Happy Valley on November 28. Of the seven official events, there were two dead heats, whilst Sitting Bull, justified his holiday in the North, by winning the biggest race of the afternoon, the St. Andrew's Stakes. On the whole, dividends were satisfying, Sunning paying out \$161.60 in the fifth race.

The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL contains a detailed report of the meeting.

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Sir Robert Ho Tung, Hong Kong's "Grand Old Man" and Lady Ho Tung, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on December 2, when a largely attended function was held in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel. In the morning, they received at their home in Seymour Road, delegations from the Tung Wah Hospital, the Po Lung Kuk, the Twenty-four Merchants' Guild and the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce. A full report of the happy occasion is given in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

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THIRD DIVISION (NORTH).

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

FIRST DIVISION.

	Goals	Goals	Total
Accrington (3) v. N. Brighton (0)	8	4	12
Carlisle U. (1) v. Hull City (5)	9	6	15
Crewe A. (2) v. Lincoln C. (0)	8	4	12
Doncaster R. (1) v. Hartlepools (1)	7	4	11
Leeds U. (8) v. Derby C. (6)	9	6	15
Bradford (1) v. Blackpool (0)	7	3	10
Bolton W. (1) v. M'chester C. (0)	7	3	10
Grimsby T. (2) v. Sunderland (1)	7	3	10
Huddersfield (1) v. Blackburn R. (1)	7	3	10
Leicester C. (1) v. West Brom. (0)	7	3	10
Liverpool (0) v. Birmingham (0)	7	3	10
Midlesbrough (4) v. Sheffield U. (1)	8	5	13
Newcastle U. (1) v. Portsmouth (0)	7	3	10
Notts Forest (4) v. Arsenal (2)	8	5	13
Notts County (1) v. Darlington (1)	7	3	10
Port Vale (1) v. Everton (0)	7	3	10
Sheffield U. (2) v. Darlington (1)	7	3	10
Southampton (3) v. N. Brighton (0)	8	4	12
Stockport C. (3) v. Gateshead (1)	8	4	12
Stoke C. (2) v. Halifax T. (2)	8	4	12
Walsall (1) v. Barrow (1)	7	3	10
Warrington (1) v. Darlington (1)	7	3	10
Wolves (7) v. Bury (0)	7	3	10

SECOND DIVISION.

	Goals	Goals	Total
Bradford (5) v. Port Vale (1)	8	4	12
Burnley (2) v. Bury (0)	7	3	10
Charlton A. (7) v. Oldham A. (1)	8	4	12
Chesterfield (1) v. Swansgate T. (1)	7	3	10
Cheltenham U. (1) v. Millwall (1)	7	3	10
Notts Forest (1) v. Leeds U. (2)	7	3	10
Preston N.E. (1) v. Notts County (2)	7	3	10
Southampton (3) v. Plymouth A. (0)	7	3	10
Stockport C. (1) v. Bristol C. (1)	7	3	10
Tottenham (3) v. Bradford C. (1)	7	3	10
Wolves (7) v. Bury (0)	7	3	10

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH).

	Goals	Goals	Total
Southend U. (7) v. Accrington (3)	8	4	12
Brentford (8) v. Oldham A. (1)	9	6	15
Fulham (8) v. Millwall (1)	8	4	12
Watford (8) v. Oldham A. (1)	8	4	12
Crystal Palace (8) v. Millwall (1)	8	4	12
Exeter C. (9) v. Oldham A. (1)	8	4	12
Coventry C. (8) v. Oldham A. (1)	8	4	12
Luton T. (8) v. Oldham A. (1)	8	4	12
Brighton (8) v. Oldham A. (1)	8	4	12
Norwich C. (9) v. Oldham A. (1)	8	4	12
Bournemouth (8) v. Oldham A. (1)	8	4	12
Reading (7) v. Oldham A. (1)	8	4	12
Queen's Pk. R. (7) v. Oldham A. (1)	8	4	12
Cardiff C. (8) v. Oldham A. (1)	8	4	12
Mansfield T. (8) v. Oldham A. (1)	8	4	12
Torquay U. (8) v. Oldham A. (1)	8	4	12
Bristol R. (8) v. Oldham A. (1)	8	4	12
Clapton O. (8) v. Oldham A. (1)	8	4	12
Dundee U. (8) v. Oldham A. (1)	8	4	12
Hamilton A. (8) v. Oldham A. (1)	8	4	12
Leith A. (8) v. Oldham A. (1)	8	4	12
Morton (8) v. Oldham A. (1)	8	4	12
Motherwell (8) v. Oldham A. (1)	8	4	12
Rangers (8) v. Oldham A. (1)	8	4	12

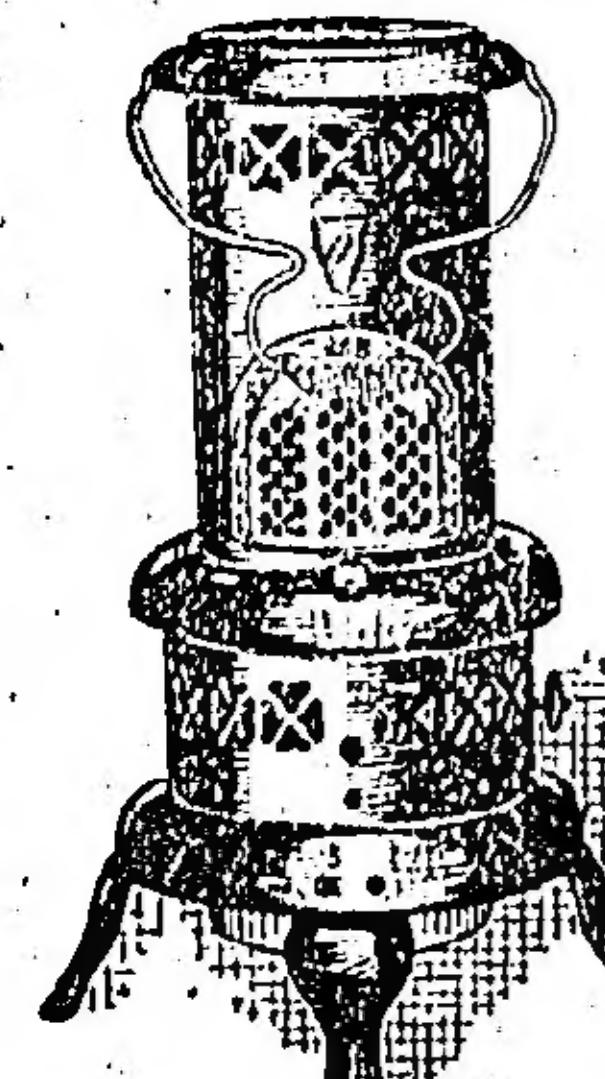
The figures in brackets denote the result of the corresponding match last season. Dashes indicate that one of the teams mentioned did not compete in that Division last season.

FIRST DIVISION.

	Goals	Goals	Total
Everton (8) v. Bury (0)	8	7	15
Wednesday (8) v. Bury (0)	8	7	15
West Bromwich (9) v. Bury (0)	9	5	14
Arsenal (8) v. Bury (0)	8	4	12
Huddersfield T. (9) v. Bury (0)	9	5	14
Liverpool (9) v. Bury (0)	9	6	15
Sheffield U. (9) v. Bury (0)	9	5	14
Aston Villa (7) v. Bury (0)	7	6	13
Newcastle U. (7) v. Bury (0)	7	6	13
Leicester City (9) v. Bury (0)	9	6	15
Middlesbrough (8) v. Bury (0)	8	5	13
Birmingham (9) v. Bury (0)	9	6	15
Bolton W. (8) v. Bury (0)	8	7	15
Manchester C. (9) v. Bury (0)	9	6	15
Derby C. (9) v. Bury (0)	9	6	15
West Ham U. (8) v. Bury (0)	8	4	12
Portsmouth (9) v. Bury (0)	9	4	13
Blackburn R. (10) v. Bury (0)	10	2	12
Sunderland (9) v. Bury (0)	9	4	13
Chelsea (7) v. Bury (0)	7	4	11
Blackpool (10) v. Bury (0)	10	2	12
Grimsby T. (8) v. Bury (0)	8	4	12

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Mr. M. A. de Carvalho desires to express his appreciation to all who condole with him in his recent heavy bereavement.

The China Mail

Hong Kong, Friday, Dec. 4, 1931.

A Press Bureau?

Two or three years ago certain dissatisfaction was expressed with the slipshod methods then in vogue in regard to official news for the Press. It was certainly useless going to heads or even deputy heads of Departments: a reference had always to be made to a still higher quarter for gracious permission to release communications of a vital import or to condescendingly grant an interview on any particular topic. Then, likewise, the system — or, rather lack of system — of releasing official statements left much to be desired. Generally, one newspaper was favoured by the receipt of an official document that ought to have been sent to all newspapers simultaneously. A plea was made in these columns for the institution of a Press Bureau on the lines of that existing in the large Indian cities for over three decades. The suggestion was not unfruitful. A compromise was made by placing a Press table in each of the more important Departments, to which Press men could have recourse in the quest for news of the day without harassing busy officials. This system, it is true, has had a mixed reception. It has been a complaint that only very perfunctory communications have been placed on the Press tables, and that at very rare intervals. It may be that heads and sub-heads of Departments still do not feel themselves at liberty to release official documents to the Press, and they may feel that the Press representatives can still always go to a higher quarter if they have reason to believe that certain news is available.

The Press tables having failed

to fulfil the function for which they were intended, it is quite clear that the authorities have drifted back to the bad old slipshod methods of releasing official communications. One newspaper is favoured to the disadvantage of others. For instance, one was enabled to publish the annual report of the Education Department some days before the others. The same applied to the final report on the Census of the Colony. To-day two morning papers have been "officially informed" of the Government's intentions relating to "tolerated houses" and "red-light districts." Up to the moment of penning these lines no such official information has reached us! Why?

Admitted that on this occasion the subject is not one on which a "newspaper scoop" is desired, the principle still remains. Why should one section of the British Press be singled out for favours at the hands of the authorities? All the people do not read both morning papers to the exclusion of the evening ones any more than they adhere to the evening newspapers and eliminate their morning contemporaries. Each newspaper has a particular clientele of its own, and if the Government is desirous of publishing its policy on any matter it should ensure that its communiqué reaches all four daily newspapers simultaneously. It has in its service sufficient typists, typewriters, and messengers to meet the convenience of fifty daily newspapers. Why, then, so far as the Press is concerned, make fish of one and 'towl of another? During local crises all the newspapers, without exception, are solid in support of the Government. That support is poorly requited during normal times by the very unsatisfactory and unfair system of releasing official communications for publication!

It is reported that the Birmingham Small Arms Co. has acquired the goodwill of A. J. Stevens & Co., the motor-cycle manufacturing firm which recently went into liquidation.

Cmdr. Herbert, of B.S.A. Cycles, however, states that negotiations have not been brought to a conclusion.

From Other Pens.

The Voice of Thimbur. The older moralists — or, at least, the sort who were set to work on children — used to say that the way to be good was to hearken to the still, small voice

of conscience. But the trouble is that the voice in question so often mumbles its admonitions in an undertone which is easily disregarded. It needs amplifying — and apparently the need has now been met. The "Star" reports a scheme for bombing rather than bombing rebellious tribesmen into a better frame of mind. Aeroplanes will be sent up, but instead of dropping bombs they will carry a device for enormously extending the sound of the human voice; the erring tribesmen will be told to behave themselves, in their own language, by a voice of thunder which will descend from an aeroplane hidden by the clouds.

The effect is said to be "eerie and awe-inspiring" in the extreme. It may well be. One cannot help feeling sorry for the poor sheik who is sitting outside his tent and thoughtfully dropping a pull-through down the family blunderbuss when a voice from the skies suddenly roars "Put that gun down and go to bed this very minute!" It would be almost better to have a blowing-up from a real bomb. Besides, who can guarantee that this alarming weapon will be confined to the desert? What about the next general election — will candidates stupefy whole townships by election addresses from aloft? — Manchester Guardian.

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Mr. Wells Rides a Storm.

Bitter are the sweets of publicity. Mr. Wells, who is at present in New York superintending the publication of his new book, has already been in hot water with the interviewers. They have discovered an article by Lunacharsky, in which the Bolshevik commissar declares that Mr. Wells once told him that Mr. Galsworthy was a slob.

The American interviewers have assumed that the conversion took place in Russia. But Mr. Wells has not been in Russia for over ten years.

What did happen was that when Lunacharsky and his wife came to Britain a year ago Mr. Wells asked them to luncheon. — Evening Standard.

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How to Bag Lions.

Custodians of the Kruger National Park, South Africa, have issued a pamphlet for the guidance of tourists which includes advice on how to act when meeting lions, writes a paragraphist. Among other hints the visitor is advised "not to show alarm if the animals stand and stare at your car, as probably they have never seen a car before and are overwhelmed with astonishment."

This may be the right way to behave before lions, but it hardly seems the most respectful. Such a calm ignoring of all the awesome attributes long claimed for the King of Beasts has never been equalled — except, perhaps, by the editor of one of the earliest of South African newspapers.

Printing a letter from an inexperienced (and possibly imaginary) correspondent seeking information, "how to obtain a good bag of lions in the Kalahari Desert," the editor appended a crisp note: "The Kalahari is principally composed of sand and lions. First sift the sand through a large sieve, when only the lions will remain. These you place in a bag carried for the purpose." — Ceylon Observer.

REPORTED NEGOTIATIONS.

B.S.A. To Acquire A. J. Stevens?

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PUREE DE POIS

By
BESOMORO.

EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGES OF TRAVEL.

Mr. A. C. Ballard, of London, declares himself to be a firm believer in the "educational advantages of travel." Being a man of means, he has decided to invite 200 or more schoolboys to go on a tour of the world with him. A liner is to be chartered, he will personally conduct the tour, and at every port of call the boys are to be given an opportunity of studying local conditions or improving their knowledge of languages.

It was Bacon who said: "Reading maketh a full man; conference a ready man; and writing an exact man." He may rightly have added, and travelling maketh a sympathetic man. There is a great deal to be said in favour of Mr. Ballard's scheme, though, I am not convinced that the amount of money to be spent, which he says, "is immaterial," is being spent to the best advantage. It seems to me that the money could be laid out to better purpose for educational purposes. That, however, is a matter of opinion. It is, however, to be hoped, that the selected schoolboys will not be possessed of the types of mind I had meant when he wrote:

"Some minds improve by travel, others rather resemble copper wire or brass, which gets the narrower by going farther."

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DRY DRUNKENNESS.

This is a state, according to psychiatric experts, into which a fanatical smoker or nicotine addict may fall when deprived of tobacco. It is a plea, which is to be submitted in a German court, for an acquittal on a charge of murder preferred against a man, who used to smoke some 80 cigarettes a day. It appears that the man lost his job, and loafing around one day was seized with such a wild desire for a smoke that he accosted a man and asked him for a cigarette. Unfortunately, the man turned out to be a plain clothes man, who turned down the request, and fumbled in his pocket to produce his official metal sign. Mistaking that movement, the fanatic drew his revolver and fired several

shots at the detective, killing him instantaneously.

It will be interesting to read what the court decides when before it is propounded the question — Is a fanatical smoker mentally responsible for a murder committed for the sake of one cigarette?

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A DEFiant BANISHEE.

According to reports of a case in a local police court, a banishee, on being sentenced to a term of imprisonment for a breach of the Deportation Ordinance, "glared hard at the magistrate and muttered" and continued to be turbulent after being warned. The magistrate, thereupon, enhanced the punishment already meted out to the banishee. An extra month's imprisonment was added to the sentence already passed on him. It seems to me, this was inadequate for it fails in its purpose. A few strokes of the rattan would have brought home the lesson more effectively. Our magistrates appear to be overlooking this means of teaching offenders lessons. Why not employ the cane more? Whipping is a cheaper form of punishment than imprisonment for a period of months or even weeks, and more effective. And, to-day when prisons are said to be over-crowded and economy is aimed at, I say use the cane more frequently.

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THE RAILWAY GAUGE.

What was the origin of the modern railway gauge? Have you not sometimes thought about that? How did the standard gauge of 4 ft. 8 1/2 in. come to be adopted by most railways? The generally accepted theory has been that the wheels of waggons in the XVIIth and XVIIIth Centuries were about 5 ft. apart, and that when rail transport was introduced this distance was slightly modified to enable the wheels to fit the rails. But recent researches and excavations in the neighbourhood of Hadrian's Wall indicate, it would appear, that by a strange coincidence the modern railway carriage is a direct lineal descendant of the Roman chariot, and that chariot tracks made nearly 2,000 years ago were ultimately responsible for the railway gauge of to-day.

News in Brief.

Yesterday's lowest open air temperature was 67 degrees. The humidity was 75 at 10 a.m. and 72 at 4 p.m.

Lane, Crawford, Ltd., have issued a handy little desk calendar for 1932 in the familiar red and gold frame of former years.

Shown locally a few years ago as a silent, the talkie version of "The Unholy Three," an excellent film, is now playing at the Star Theatre, Kowloon. Although Lon Chaney is dead, he is literally living on the screen. His acting as a ventriloquist, in this film, is wonderful. "The Unholy Three" is his only talkie, and it is a marked success.

Booking is now open at the Anderson Music Co. for the forthcoming production of "Miss Hook of Holland" by the Philharmonic Society as advertised elsewhere in this paper. Seven performances will be given, the opening night being on Friday, December 11, at 9.15 p.m. Children will be charged half price to all seats. Intending patrons are requested to book early.

It is advertised that La Salle College, Prince Edward Road, Kowloon, will be open for the admission of Day Boys for Classes 8 to 2 inclusive, on and after December 1, 1931. Boarders will be admitted on and after January 7, 1932. Prospects may be had on application to the Director, the Rev. Brother Almar, La Salle College, or the Rev. Brother Matthias, the Director of St. Joseph's College, Hong Kong.

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To-day's Thought.

Some think they are stable when they are only stubborn.

Ten Years Ago.

From the "China Mail" of December 4, 1921.

To-day's dollar is worth 2/7%.

Asked to-day about the arrangements for the huge Chinese trade exhibition which was announced recently, is to be held in Hong Kong, the Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak, President of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, said that steps had been taken to select a suitable site over on the mainland, but otherwise the scheme was still very much in its preliminary stage. Mr. Lau said that the promoters had hoped to hold the exhibition in March next, but personally, in view of the great amount of organising work that had to be done first, he doubted whether they would be able to get going before 1922.

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THE TALE OF THE
TOMBSTONE
ON THE ROAD FROM TOULON
TO HYERES.

By
H. T. H.

We had been comfortable in debaucheries! They were wicked as Toulon. The food was good, the sleeping good, the harbour good to look at. We had done good business there as well. In Jack's knapsack there were four yards of embroidered scarlet that had been a bishop's cope, a length of blue brocade, scarcely faded, with the story of St. Francis worked in fine silver thread, and a sampler picture of the harbour three foot square that was like nothing we had ever seen for delicacy and detail.

We had had to pay well for them all—but someone else, we knew, would pay us better.

Toulon had been good, but it was a long way behind. Hyeres was a long way ahead. Hours before the bus came by I had repented of the wish to walk. "Walk on for an hour or two," I had suggested, warm with breakfast coffee, the day bright but not yet scorching, "the bus can catch us up." At last it did.

It was half-empty. I sat beside the driver. Jack, who wanted change of company and didn't resent garlic, took a seat at the back beside a fisherman. Odd words of his conversation reached me through the roaring of our engine. He was explaining to the fisherman a good way of mending nets.

"Do you know this road?" the driver asked. "No? Ah, then I will explain to you the sights of interest." Here the road had been swept away by a fall of stones. At this house gentlemen from Britain came to shoot the partridge in the Autumn. Four lighthouses at once were visible from the top of this ascent.

We passed a small white cross. "And what is that?" I asked. "Is there a story about that white stone cross?" There was indeed. "M. Bouin was rich, very rich. He owned the two finest vineyards in the district. His own estate provided for him all the necessities of life, besides paying the wages of his servants. The money from the vineyards was sheer profit. The money grew. The vineyards were extended. But, alas, M. Bouin had no children; he had only nephews. From Marseilles to the Ile de Porquerolles his nephews were notorious. Their drinking-bouts! Their debts! Their formidable

THRILL FOR
HEIFETZ.

An Adventure in
Bucharest.

BLOCKED BY SOLDIERS.

When a great artiste travels in foreign lands, many unscheduled happenings are likely to occur. Heifetz, who will be heard in recital at the King's Theatre this evening, has learned by this time to expect the unexpected. Last year his popularity resulted in a most embarrassing situation for him. He was playing in Bucharest and weeks before the concert the hall was completely sold out. One of the leading student bodies of the city who had failed to secure tickets was enraged. The "irate" young Roumanians called a meeting and swore to smash up the seats on the evening of the concert. Accordingly, when Heifetz arrived, he was informed that he had been forced by the situation into asking the protection of the Police.

The service was to be early in the morning. Every word by which it could be shortened was left out. Fast motor-cars and a fast motor-hearse were to rush the party back from church to house—where the body was to be buried later on—for the reading of the will. One of the three had an aeroplane waiting to cheat his creditors if he should prove less favoured than the rest.

The service was held while the nephews fidgeted and yawned. Once over, one sprang to the wheel of the hearse, while the others jumped aboard their racing cars. Away they went, swinging out into the road, scattering the peasants, tearing up the long white hill among the rocks. The road winds like a snail-shell. The walls of it are sheer. Suddenly, round a corner came the morning mailvan from Toulon.

The driver of the hearse let out a yell and jammed on all his brakes. The machine stopped half-hanging over the abyss. The second pulled up the fisherman's hands and left us.

"A most amazing fellow!" said Jack. "Extremely interesting! Regular character!" He told me the most astonishing story.

"Go on," I said, "let's have it."

"Well, there's a small white cross

on the roadside about ten miles back

—you wouldn't have noticed it. But it's the burying place of the great British racehorse 'Rapier.'

"He was twenty years old, and had been running wild down here for five years on a British lord's estate, and the lord betted he could ride him fifteen miles across country, mind you, full of holes and precipices. He did it, but he broke the horse's heart." He paused. "I wish I could tell you like that fellow did—made it amazingly real and vivid. Seemed almost as though it had happened to himself."

"Perhaps it had," I suggested.

"Most interesting. I very much enjoyed the journey. May I urge you

LOCAL OPERA.

"Miss Hook of Holland."

FINAL REHEARSALS.

The final rehearsals of "Miss Hook of Holland" are now in progress and whatever the forecast as to the success of this forthcoming production by the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society, it should start as a favourite. The charm of its settings, the sincerity of its Dutch atmosphere, the excellence of its acting and the thoroughness of its direction combine to make "Miss Hook of Holland" a charming entertainment.

In Doris Bielby as Sally the heroine of the opera, the Society has been especially fortunate in its choice. What extraordinary ingenuity Sally had to have concocted the celebrated liquor "Cream of the Sky," around which centres the story of Miss Hook of Holland and which has brought fame and wealth to the house of Hook, and with equal cleverness does Doris Bielby portray Sally's charm and fascination.

The eight little Dutch girls seen often in the company of Sally throughout the opera are quite irresistible. Perhaps their greatest charm is being so typically little maids of Holland. One can justly anticipate their appearances on the stage being greeted with applause.

Mina is a girl who has the rather trying habit of prying into other people's business, but in spite of this her vivaciousness makes her a very lovable character and Anne Moody seems to have caught the spirit of this little Dutch girl, and one will be always happy at Mina's appearance on the stage.

George McLeod is well known on the concert platform to the Hong Kong public and it can be said that as the irascible old gentleman, Mr. Hook of Amsterdam, he has an excellent opportunity of bringing into play the ability which has characterized his other performances.

With these few comments the public is left to judge the excellence of this production by seeing the show themselves. Booking is now open at the Anderson Music Co. and it is particularly requested that seats should be booked at an early date to avoid disappointment. Children will be admitted at half price to all seats. The first performance is to be given on Friday, December 11, at 9.15 p.m.—Contributed.

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To-day—Police Reserve Sharpshooter's Company, dinner, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 7.45 p.m.

To-day—King's Theatre; "A Warm Corner."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Bat Whispers."

To-day—Central Theatre; "The Right to Love."

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "Young Eagles."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Unholy Three."

To-day—King's Theatre Jascha Heifetz, 9.30.

Dec. 11—"Miss Hook of Holland," Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

Home Malls.

To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Rajputana), 10.30 a.m.; for Europe via Siberia (Khyber), 5 p.m.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th December to the 9th December, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, W. L. MCKENZIE, Secretary.

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THE ANNUAL DINNER DANCE will be held at the PENINSULA HOTEL, Kowloon, on FRIDAY, December 18, 1931.

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By Order,

B. D. EVANS, Hon. Secretary.

Hong Kong, December 1, 1931.

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KHYBER	9,000	5th Dec. Daylight	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobo & Osaka.
NANKIN	7,000	7th Dec.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
MIRZAPORE	6,700	7th Dec.	S'hai, Moji, Kobo, Osaka & Y'hama.
SANTHIA	8,000	18th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobo.
KARMALA	9,000	18th Dec.	Amoy, Moji, Kobo & Osaka.
CHITRAL	15,000	1st Jan.	Shanghai, Kobo & Yokohama.
TALMA	10,000	3rd Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobo & Osaka.
NELLOR	7,000	4th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobo, Osaka & Y'hama.
KALYAN	9,000	6th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobo & Yokohama.
TAKADY	7,000	15th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobo & Osaka.
KASHMIR	9,000	15th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobo & Yokohama.
SOUDAN	6,800	26th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobo & Yokohama.
NALDERA	16,000	20th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobo & Yokohama.
TANDA	7,000	5th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobo & Yokohama.
CARTHAGE	15,000	12th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobo & Yokohama.
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December 4 to 10, 1931.

Dec.	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
	Standard Times	Ht.	Standard Times	Ht.
4	13 58	6 4	10 51	1 5
	17 59	7 7	23 19	4 4
5	05 00	5 6	11 49	2 7
	18 58	6 9	2 5	
6	03 50	5 4	00 38	3 3
	18 59	6 6	12 10	3 9
7	03 19	5 1	01 34	2 4
	19 58	7 3	13 07	3 7
8	02 56	5 8	08 35	1 6
	20 05	8 1	13 35	3 6
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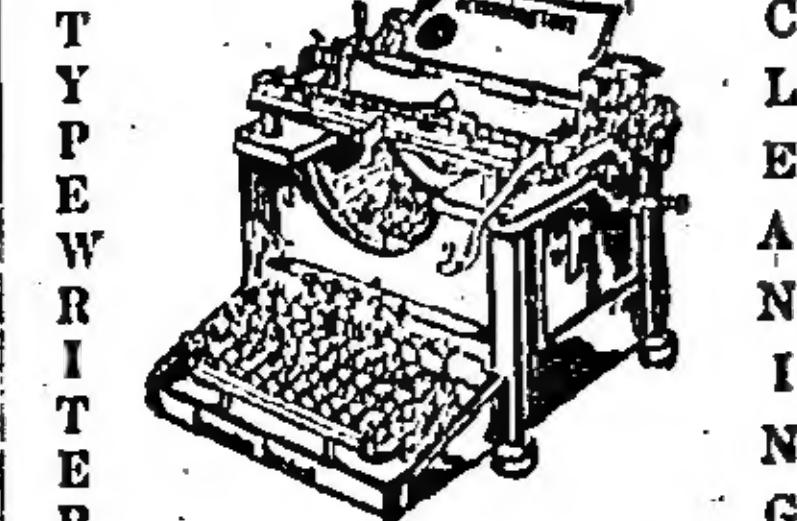
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CAPT. ROBERT DOLLAR.Interesting Story of
His Life.

A bit more than thirty years ago on the Pacific Coast, a new figure came into the shipping business, a man whose total previous training had been in lumber camps, a man who had toiled from his eleventh year to pass the half century mark in all capacities from cook's boy to owner of extensive lumber interests. Need of transportation facilities from his California forests to market forced Captain Robert Dollar into the shipping industry and the purchase of the steam schooner Newsboy signalled his introduction.

The Newsboy.
Though small, the Newsboy was sturdy; her dimensions were: Length 129 feet, beam 23 feet, depth 8 feet, speed 7 to 8 knots in good weather. She was the acme of the Dollar fleet. To-day the company's leading representatives on the sea are the President Hoover and the President Coolidge, a far cry from the Newsboy which carried a crew of 11 men and no passengers. Yet the road from the Newsboy to-day was not an easy one, nor rapid, but a slow, uphill fight through phases of sailing ships and freighters, eras of depression and periods of all but hopelessness. However, the progress was successfully hewn by Captain Dollar and his sons, with three ever present allies of the Dollar organisation, Work, Work, Work.

Trade Drummer.
It is not amiss to give a sketch of Captain Robert Dollar who, despite his 87 years, still is actively engaged in shipping as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Dollar Lines, of which his sons, R. Stanley and J. Harold, are president and vice-president respectively.

Robert Dollar was born in Falkirk, Scotland, March 20, 1844. Eleven years later he was a chore boy in the Canadian woods, then timekeeper. When a mere boy he purchased a Canadian farm on the instalment plan. He was then getting but \$20 a month, but he paid for the farm and still owns it. Three years later he went into business.

In his work to create an everlasting trade between the United States and the Orient, Captain Robert Dollar has been ably assisted by his sons, R. Stanley and J. Harold Dollar. R. Stanley Dollar, the elder of the two has risen to a high place in the shipping fraternity of the world and is now president of the Dollar Steamship Lines and the American Mail Line, and is vice-president of The Robert Dollar Co., and the Pacific Steamship Co. J. Harold Dollar has devoted most of his years to the Oriental end of the Dollar Line, and a few years ago returned to the head offices of the Dollar Line at San Francisco where he now makes his headquarters. As vice-president of the Dollar Steamship Lines and the American Mail Line, as well as director of a number of financial institutions, J. Harold Dollar finds life very busy. The third son, A. Melville Dollar, operates his own steamship line in British Columbia.

On Sundays and holidays the sons and their families gather at the beautiful home of Captain and Mrs. Robert Dollar, in San Rafael where the "Grand Old Man of the Pacific" and his "bride of 57 years ago" have lived since their migration to the Pacific Coast. The story of their life romance is a beautiful one.

"Mother."

Robert Dollar was a young man working from dawn till dusk in a lumber camp in the Canadian woods, when he met Miss Margaret Proudfoot, the girl who was to become his future wife. Shortly after they met he entered into business for himself and failed, going heavily into debt. It was in 1873, while still deeply in debt that Robert Dollar took Miss Margaret Proudfoot for his bride. Although the earlier years were filled with many hardships their life has been one continual honeymoon. To his countless friends the world-over he is Captain Dollar, but to Mrs. Dollar he is "Father" and to him, she is "Mother."

The following year Captain Dollar again sailed Round the World, this time making 480 personal calls. In all of his travels, five times Round the World and thirty one Round trips to the Orient, Captain Dollar has been accompanied by Mrs. Dollar, and it is with pride that the famous shipping executive credits no little portion of his success to her.

In addition to the Round-the-World service which is nearing its eighth year of smooth running, Captain Dollar has established a trans-Pacific service between New York, San Francisco and Manila, via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Shanghai, and Hong Kong. The New York-California-Orient service sailings are alternated with those of the Round-the-World fleet, offering the travelling public a weekly sailing from New York to California and the Orient.

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THE RELATIONS OF COMMERCE
AND CURRENCY.

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The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres:

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7-10 p.m.—European Programme

of Victor Records.

7.05-7.25 p.m.—Operatic.

Gems from "Bohemian Girl" (Balfe),

Victor Light Opera Company

(35819).

Gems from "Aida" (Verdi),

Victor Light Opera Company

(35940).

8 p.m.—Local Time.

7.23-8.10 p.m.—A Concert.

Piano Solo—

Waltz in G Flat Major (Chopin),

To Spring (Grieg),

Myrtle C. Eaver (22153).

Song—

I Know a Lovely Garden

(Teachmacher-D'Hardelet),

Maria Jeritza (Soprano)

(1201).

Violin Solo—

Souvenir Poétique (Flibich),

To a Wild Rose (MacDowell),

Michel Guskoff (19892).

Chorus—

By the Waters of Minnetonka

(Lleurance),

The Mormon Tabernacle

Choir (19829).

Piano Solo—

Invitation to the Waltz (Weber),

Alfred Cortot (1201).

Song—

Trees (Kilmer-Raabach),

Ernestine Schumann-Heink

(Contralto) (1198).

Violin Solo—

Serenade in G Major (Arensky),

Minuet in G, No. 2 (Boethius),

Mischa Elman (1434).

Song—

A Brown Bird Singing

(Barrie-Haydn Wood),

John McCormack (Tenor)

(1137).

8.10-8.21 p.m.—Band Selections.

Forge in the Forest (Michaelis),

Arthur Pryor's Band (19879).

The National Game (Sousa),

The Black Horse Troop (Sousa),

Sousa's Band (19741).

8.21-8.57 p.m.—Orchestra.

Overture from "La Grande Paque Russe" (Rimsky-Korsakov),

Leopold Stokowski and the

Philadelphia Orchestra

(7019-9).

Lyric Suite (Grieg),

Royal Albert Hall Orchestra

Conducted by Sir Landon

Ronald (9073-4).

8.55-9.53 p.m.—Variety.

Vocal Duet—

Kentucky's Way of Sayin' Good-

Morning,

Tie Me to Your Apron Strings

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The Brox Sisters (19921).

Song—

The Rogue Song,

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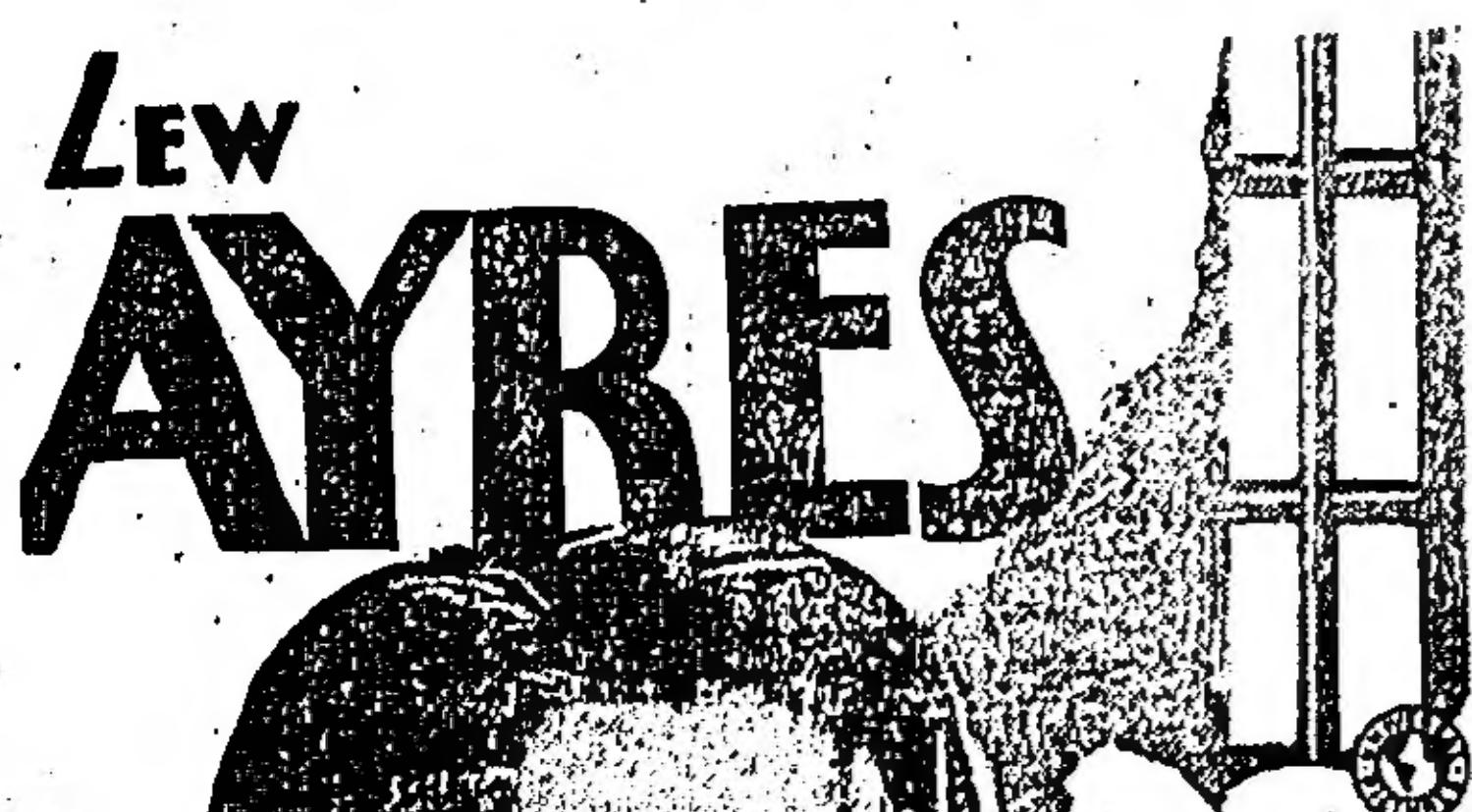
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unfamiliar modernity of phrase
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coloured cover. Leading Hebrew and
Greek scholars collaborated to
produce the "Americanised" Bible
and the translations, made under
the editorship of Professor Powis
Smith, of Chicago University.

"Black But Comely."

One of the most striking changes
in form occurs in Solomon's "Song
of Songs." The passage in the
King James version: "I am black
but comely," is rendered: "Do not
notice that I am blackened, that the
sun has scorched me—my mother's
son has burned me."

An example of the need for a
modern translation because of the
changing diction Prof. Smith finds
in Proverbs 31, 10: "Who can find a
virtuous woman, for her price is
far above rubies."

This was not intended as a re-
flection on the chastity of the
feminine population, he says, but
meant "Oh! that one might find a
good wife." The "good" has re-
ference to all the worthy qualities
desired in the mistress of a house-
hold.

The Birth of Christ.

The story of the birth of Christ
as told in the King James version
Matthew 1, verses 1 to 18, becomes
"clarified" in the Chicago Bible to
read:

"Now these were the circum-
stances of the birth of Jesus
Christ. Mary, his mother, was en-
gaged to Joseph, but before they
were married it was found that she
was about to become a mother
through the influence of the Holy
Spirit. But her husband Joseph
was an upright man, and did not
wish to disgrace her, and he de-
cided to break off the engagement
privately."

"But while he was thinking of
doing this an angel of the Lord ap-
peared to him in a dream, and
said: 'Joseph, descendant of
David, do not fear to take Mary
your wife to your home, for it is
through the influence of the Holy
Spirit that she is to become a
mother.'

Women conducted a service at a
Chalfont St. Giles (Bucks) church,
reading the lessons, preaching the
sermon, and acting as "sidesmen."

It is reported from Belgrade that
a peasant woman, aged 76, has just
given birth to three fine children.

Sir Charles Biron, the Bow
Street magistrate, commented on
the fact that four of the persons
before him charged with felony
were in receipt of unemployment
pay.

The Commandant congratulates
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VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Orders for the Coming
Week.

Orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G.
Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., commanding
Hong Kong Volunteer Defence
Corps, are issued as under:

PARADES.

(a) Corps Band.—1. The Band
will proceed to Camp on Friday,
December 4 by the 5.35 p.m. train
from Kowloon.

2. The Band will attend at Head-
quarters for Band Practice on Fri-
day, December 11 at 5.30 p.m.

(b) Battery.—Battery will parade
at 5.30 p.m., sharp, at Headquarters
on Thursday, December 10 for
signalling and gun drill.

(c) Engineer Company.—1. Mon-
day, December 7 Miniature Range
Instruction, Wellington Barracks
5.30 p.m.

2. Thursday, December 10, D. L.
Instruction, Wellington Barracks
5.30 p.m.

3. Sunday, December 13 Com-
pany Shoot, Peak II, Stonecutters.

FINE GENERALLY.

The Royal Observatory's re-
port issued this morning states:

The anticyclone is now
central to the North of Han-
kov, and is beginning to move
Eastward.

Forecast — N. E. wind,
fresh; fine generally.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended
at 10 a.m. to-day ill.

Total since January 1, 75.83
inches against an average of
82.08 inches — deficit 6.25
inches.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain
specified centres this morning
at 6 o'clock was:

Hong Kong	63
Macao	67
Pratas Island	72
Foochow	63
Anoy	64
Chefoo	36
Shanghai	43
Manila	74

4. Sunday, December 20 Classifi-
cation Part II, Stonecutters.

5. Note:—There will be no D. L.
Instruction on Thursday, Decem-
ber 24.

(d) Corps Signals.—Signallers
will proceed to Camp at Fanling in
accordance with details already
issued to all ranks.

(e) Machine Gun Troop.—Camp.

The Troop will proceed to Camp
on Friday evening, 25th instant,
Section N.C.O.'s will make sure
that all their men are warned
again.

(f) Portuguese Company.—1.
Camp. The Company will proceed
to Camp on Friday, December 4 by
5.35 p.m. train from Kowloon.

2. Attention is called to the
careful rolling of great coats which
must be carried in the regulation
manner.

3. A.A.L.A. Section.—This sec-
tion will parade at Headquarters on

Friday, December 11 for training.

(g) The Officers Commanding the
undermentioned Units will issue
their Orders separately to their
Commands:

I. Armoured Car Company,

II. Motor Cycle Section.

III. Machine Gun Company.

IV. Scottish Company.

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SCHOOL BOYS IN COURT.

Only to Satisfy Their
Curiosity.

MAGISTRATE ORDERS THEM OUT

Noticing a party of school boys
seated in the body of the Colombo
Police Court, Mr. R. H. Bassett, the
Magistrate, directed the Interpreter
Mudaliar to find out why they had
come.

The boys replied that they had
come to watch cases.

The Magistrate ordered them all
to enter the dock, and after they
had all got in, warned them not to
come to the Court again.

Observing a person standing out-
side the dock, the Magistrate in-
quired who he was.

The Interpreter Mudaliar, after
questioning the person, informed
the Court that he was the master
who had come in charge of the
boys.

Why He Brought Them.

Asked why he had brought the
boys to Court, the master replied
that he had done so as they had ex-
pressed a desire to see the Court-
house.

The Magistrate remarked it was
not a good thing to bring in boys
when cases were going on, and
asked him to bring them when the
Court was not sitting.

Sending for a cane, the Magis-
trate ordered the party of boys to
run out, and directed the Court
Sergeant to give a stroke with the
cane to the last boy as they ran out.

on the success of the Annual Camp
held at Pakshawan, during the last
week-end, at which there was a 100
per cent. attendance.

Classification.

The following have been taken on
the strength:

No. 1762 Pte. H. L. Rocha, No. 9

Platoon, joined 28.11.31.

No. 1763 Pte. G. H. Owen, No. 3

Platoon, joined 1.12.31.

No. 1764 Pte. H. E. Lewis, A. Car

Company, Motor Cycle Section,
joined 2.12.31.

Strength.

The following members of the
Corps Signals, Machine Gun Com-
pany and Portuguese Company have
passed the Annual Classification of

Signallers:

No. 423 C.S.M. G. T. Padgett.

" 1403 C.Q.M.S. J. Barnes.

" 1823 L/Sergt. C.A.J. Ribeiro.

" 1656 L/Cpl. R. E. Stott.

" 1492 Pte. J. E. Richardson.

" 1705 Sgm. H. J. Fountain.

" 1704 " F. E. Filmer.

" 1507 " F. K. Nabi.

" 1649 " A. S. Sufiadi.

" 1650 " Y. J. Khan.

Leave.

No. 8 R.S.M. W. H. Edmonds,

Corps Headquarters, returned from

leave from 19.11.31 to 18.12.31.

No. 1316 L/Cpl. L. Welll,

Machine Corps Band, granted 2

weeks' sick leave from 19.11.31.

No. 1164 L/Sergt. C. A. J. V.

Ribeiro, No. 12 Platoon, granted 1

month's sick leave from 1.12.31 to

31.12.31.

No. 1475 Edm. R. A. Crestojo,

Corps Band, granted 2 weeks' sick

leave from 26.11.31.

(Sgt.) W. H. G. Goater, Capt.

Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

Leave.

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AT 2.30, 5.20, 7.20 & 9.20.

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